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BOX PATENT APPLICATION  
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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing is the patent application of:

Inventor: TAFT  
For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR PREPARING TISSUE SAMPLES FOR SECTIONING

Enclosed are the following:

- ☐ Letter: SUBMISSION OF INCOMPLETE APPLICATION
- ☒ Specification 9 pages; Claims 2 pages; Abstract 1 page
- ☒ Declaration and Power of Attorney
- ☒ Sheet(s) of drawings 5 pages
- ☒ An assignment of the invention to: VENTANA MEDICAL SYSTEMS, INC.
- ☐ A certified copy of \_\_\_\_\_ application No. \_\_\_\_\_, filed \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ Prior Art Disclosure Statement
- ☐ Preliminary Amendment

☐ Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27.

Priority is hereby claimed under 35 USC 119 by way of \_\_\_\_\_ patent application  
No. \_\_\_\_\_ filed \_\_\_\_\_.

Benefit is hereby claimed under Title 35, United States Code 119(e) of United States provisional  
application No. \_\_\_\_\_ filed \_\_\_\_\_.

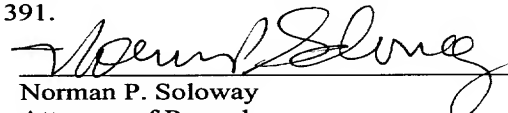
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BASIC FEE:		\$370.00	\$740.00
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MULT. DEPEND. CLAIMS:		+ 135 =	+ 270 =
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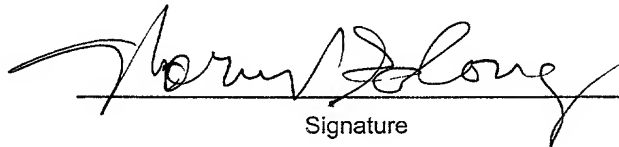
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Title	Method and Apparatus for Preparing Tissue Samples for Sectioning	
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